(b) Apart from accommodation in the train, the amenities provided to passengers usually include waiting halls, waiting rooms, drinking water, benches on the platforms, toilet, etc. at the stations.

Number of companies marketing spurious and substandard drugs

s1836. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number and name of companies identified by Food and Drugs Administration during the years 1986 and 1987 for dumping in the market sub-standard, mis-branded spurious drugs in the market; and

(b) what action has been taken against the erring companies the number of cases decided and the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act relating to manufacture and sale of drugs are administered by the licensing/controlling authorities appointed by the State Governments in their respective States. Whenever any sample of a licensed drug manufacturer is found to be misbranded/sub-standard, necessary action in the matter is taken by the Licensing/Controlling Authorities as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules.

As soon as information about drugs banned by Government of India or spurious drugs moving in the market is received, investigation is taken up by the Drug Control Machinery and action is taken to launch prosecution if a *prima facie* case exists. State Governments have been requested to establish intelligence cells and strengthen their Drugs Control Machinery for this purpose.

As per the information available out of 28,382 samples tested during 1986-87, 4,066 samples were found sub-standard. As per the information available during 1986-87, 1,011 prosecutions were launched. Out of 664 prosecutions decided during 1986-87 there were convictions in 428 cases and acquitals as 236 cases.

Union Carbide Relief to the Bhopal Gas victims through IRCS

1837. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 6 crores have been received from the Union Carbide Company at the behest of U.S. Federal Court for relief to the victims of Bhopal gas tragedy!

(b) whether this amount is being channelised through Indian Red Cross Society; and

(c) if so, what arrangements have been made to see the relief has reached the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). No money has been received from the Union Carbide Company for relief to the Bhopal gas victims. The Indian Red Cross Society, however, received contributions from agencies abroad worth Rs. 5,54,70,521.74 as details given below:

League of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies	Rs. 39,86,551.39
American Red Cross	Rs. 5,09,09,813.00
Others	Rs. 5,74,157.35
TOTAL	Rs. 5,54,70,521.74

These funds are being utilised for the maintenance of the four Red Cross Static and Mobile Medical Health Units in support of gas victims and allied welfare programmes.